

CLAIMS

1           1.     A method for covering vegetation in a cold or windy  
2     environment such that the vegetation is protected from frost, comprising the  
3     steps of:

4                 providing an area of earth, the area of earth having vegetation disposed  
5     therein;

6                 providing a cover for placement over the vegetation, the cover  
7     including a sheet of material, the material having a parameter edge, the  
8     parameter edge being folded to form piping around the parameter of the sheet,  
9     and a weight disposed within the piping; and

10                positioning the cover over the vegetation, whereby the weight disposed  
11    within the piping functions restrain the movement of the cover.

1           2.     The method of claim 1, wherein the vegetation is selected from  
2     a group consisting of: residential landscaping plants, commercial landscaping  
3     plants, rural crops, residential crops and commercial crops.

1           3.     The method of claim 1, wherein the sheet comprises a textile  
2     material.

1           4.     The method of claim 1, wherein the sheet comprises a synthetic  
2     material.

1           5.       The method of claim 4, wherein the synthetic material further  
2 comprises a polymeric material.

1           6.       The method of claim 4, wherein the synthetic material further  
2 comprises a plurality of micro-perforations.

1           7.       The method of claim 1, wherein the sheet is colored black.

1           8.       The method of claim 1, wherein the piping is staggered around  
2 the parameter edge of the sheet.

1           9.       The method of claim 1, wherein the weight comprises a flexible  
2 weight.

1           10.      The method of claim 9, wherein the flexible weight is selected  
2 from the group consisting of: sand, metal beads and a fluid.

1           11.      The method of claim 1, wherein the weight is selected from the  
2 group consisting of: a flexible weight, a metal rod, a disc and a magnet.

1           12.      The method of claim 1, wherein the piping extend into an  
2 interior area of the sheet.

1           13.    A cover for vegetation for use in cold or windy environments  
2           such that the vegetation is protected from frost comprising:

3                a sheet of synthetic material having a parameter edge and a plurality of  
4           micro-perforations, the parameter edge being folded to form piping; and

5                a weight positioned within the piping to restrain the movement of the  
6           cover when the cover is in position over the vegetation.

1           14.    The cover of claim 13, wherein the sheet is colored black.

1           15.    The cover of claim 13, wherein the piping is staggered around  
2           the parameter edge of the sheet.

1           16.    The cover of claim 13, wherein the weight comprises a flexible  
2           weight.

1           17.    The method of claim 16, wherein the flexible weight is selected  
2           from the group consisting of: sand, metal beads and a fluid.

1           18.    The cover of claim 13, wherein the weight is selected from the  
2           group consisting of: a flexible weight, a metal rod, a disc and a magnet.

1           19.    The method of claim 13, wherein the piping extend into an  
2           interior area of the sheet.

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